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**RE: Public Records Request to the Idaho Department of Commerce**

Dear Mr. Holmes,

On December 12, 2018, the Idaho Department of Commerce ("Commerce") received your public records request, submitted via email, seeking copies of essentially any records relating to "Serofim Muroff, Blackhawk Manager, LLC, ISR Capital, LLC, Equity Recap Account, LLC, Sidecars, Sidecars Insurance, Gold Hill Mine, Debra L. Riddle, Raymond Ku, Winner Xing, Richard Getty, Jerry Ray Barnett, Blackhawk Manager LLC, ISR Capital, LLC, Equity Recap Account, LLC, Idaho State Regional Center, LLC, Blackhawk Gold, LLC, GMA Garnet USA Corp., Idaho State Gold, LLC, Lemhi Gold Trust, LLC, The McCall Associates, LLC, Blackhawk on the River, LLC, Red Ridge Development, LLC, West Mountain Sewer and Water, Inc., Montana State Gold Company, LLC, Mayflower Mining Company, Concierge Holdings, LLC, Westlead Capital, Inc., and Worldway Group."

Idaho Code section 74-102 authorizes the imposition of fees arising from the costs to Idaho taxpayers to respond to a public records request. Such fees are based upon the actual rate of pay of the lowest paid employee involved with responding to a request. The hourly rate, including salary and benefits, paid to the lowest paid employee that would be involved with responding to your request is \$22.61 per hour. In addition, the hourly rate for legal review is \$175.00 per hour. Legal review of the records responsive to your request will be necessary to determine if any such records contain information exempt from public disclosure under Idaho law.

Based on a preliminary review of your request and Commerce's files, and without a defined time period or any other parameters in your request, Commerce estimates two hundred (200) hours of staff time, collectively among several Commerce staff persons, and fifteen (15) hours of legal review will be needed for responding to your current request. Therefore, if you would like Commerce staff to proceed with responding to



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your current request, your estimated total due to Commerce will be \$7,147.00 (200 hours staff time x \$22.16 = \$4,522.00, plus 15 hours legal review x \$175 = \$2,625 totaling \$7,147.00).

If you would like Commerce to continue with your request, please submit your payment to the Idaho Department of Commerce within the next thirty (30) days. Upon receipt of your payment Commerce will promptly process your request and provide you with those records responsive to your current request not otherwise exempt from public disclosure. Commerce will record the hours required to locate, compile, review, and redact those records responsive to your request and charge those costs against your payment. Any unused funds will be returned to you. If you do not wish to incur this expense, please notify me in writing at your earliest convenience. If I do not receive your payment or other notification within thirty (30) days I will consider your request closed.

Sincerely,

*Matt Borud*

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Marketing and Innovation Administrator